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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-31, without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims 32-62.

32. (New) A vehicle having a body suspended on one or more axles by means of gas-filled suspension units, the vehicle being provided with means to vary the pressure within the suspension units to control the spacing between the body and the axle or axles and a braking system supplying a brake fluid to braking actuators operable to brake the vehicle's wheels, and further comprising a load sensing valve operable to apply a variable throttling effect to impede the flow of brake fluid to the braking actuators, characterised by further comprising means to vary the throttling effect of the load sensing valve in dependence on the pressure within the gas-filled suspension units.

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